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1. [redacted] two battalions of Chinese Communist amphibious troops, equipped with tanks, amphibious tanks, and motor cars, arrived in Tsingtao by rail from Ch'inhuangtao (N 39-57, E 119-35). [redacted] these troops began joint landing and defense exercises with the Navy at Tsingtao.

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2. The Chinese Communist joint naval, land, and air maneuvers held at the entrance to the Gulf of Chihli [redacted]

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3. The following naval, land and air forces participated in the maneuvers:

a. Naval forces:

- (1) Naval fleets and garrison and marine corps units of naval commands of the Northeast, North China, and East China Military Areas.
- (2) Units of the Northeast, North China, and South China naval schools.
- (3) A unit from the Northeast Nautical School (sic).

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(4) Vessels dispatched from the Soviet base at Port Arthur.

- b. Land forces: three infantry armies, one artillery division, two artillery regiments, and two tank regiments.
- c. Air forces: two wings, including fighters, bombers, reconnaissance aircraft, and signal aircraft.

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